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California's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 5.2 Percent **Payroll Employment Up 20,400 Jobs**

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in November, unchanged from 5.2 percent in October, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today. A year ago, in November 2004, California's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent.

According to EDD's survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 20,400 jobs over the month, for a total of 14,842,800.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 17,005,000. This was a decrease of 33,000 from October, but up 413,000 from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 939,000 – an increase of 3,000 over the month, but down by 117,000 compared with November of last year.

Of the unemployed, 327,500 were laid off, 91,600 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 330,500 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 308,621 last month and 390,428 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 45,048 in November 2005, compared with 40,806 in October and 52,333 in November of last year.

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,842,800 in November, a net gain of 20,400 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 7,600 jobs (as revised) in October.

Nine of the categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services**) added jobs over the month, gaining 32,700 jobs. The construction industry showed the largest gain, up by 8,000 jobs. Two categories (**government** and **educational and health services**) reported job declines this month, down 12,300 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 12,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2004 to November 2005), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 186,400 jobs (up 1.3 percent).

Ten industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 194,000 jobs. On both a numerical and percentage basis, construction showed the strongest employment growth, adding 65,900 jobs (a 7.6 percent increase). Leisure and hospitality and professional and business services recorded the next largest gains, adding 33,700 jobs (up 2.3 percent) and 31,600 jobs (up 1.5 percent), respectively.

One category (**information**) posted job declines over the year, down 7,600 jobs (a decline of 1.5 percent).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 52,100 jobs. The gains were concentrated in retail trade, which added 52,600 jobs. **Leisure and hospitality** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 5,700 jobs. The losses were concentrated in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, which declined by 6,100 jobs.

The **construction** industry reported the largest gain over the year, up 66,000 jobs. The gains were primarily in the specialty trade contractors sector, which was up by 45,300 jobs. The **leisure and hospitality** industry recorded the second largest gains over the year, adding 33,400 jobs. The gains were primarily in the accommodation and food service sector, which was up by 27,200 jobs, mainly in food services and drinking places, which added 22,900 jobs. **Information** was the only industry to report a decrease over the year, down by 7,600 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2005 (prelim.)	October 2005	November 2004	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	14,842.8	14,822.4	14,656.4	1.3
Natural resources and mining	23.3	23.2	23.1	0.9
Construction	931.7	923.7	865.8	7.6
Manufacturing	1,537.2	1,536.7	1,533.9	0.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,795.2	2,787.3	2,780.8	0.5
Information	483.7	477.6	491.3	-1.5
Financial activities	925.6	924.3	913.5	1.3
Professional and business services	2,159.9	2,152.7	2,128.3	1.5
Educational and health services	1,592.5	1,592.6	1,570.4	1.4
Leisure and hospitality	1,489.5	1,488.2	1,455.8	2.3
Other services	508.2	507.9	506.2	0.4
Government*	2,396.0	2,408.2	2,387.3	0.4
Agriculture	371.6	368.5	368.0	1.0

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	November 2005	October 2005	September 2005	November 2004
Civilian labor force ^a	17,944,000	17,974,000	17,904,000	17,648,000
Total civilian employment	17,005,000	17,038,000	16,983,000	16,592,000
Unemployment	939,000	936,000	921,000	1,056,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	5.2	5.2	5.1	6.0
US seasonally adjusted rate %	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.4

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2005	October 2005	September 2005	November 2004
Civilian labor force ^a	17,940,000	18,010,000	17,894,000	17,668,000
Total civilian employment	17,020,000	17,109,000	17,017,000	16,636,000
Unemployment	920,000	901,000	877,000	1,032,000
Unadjusted rate %	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.8

^aLabor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
November 2005 (Preliminary); 2004 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	17,940,000	17,020,100	919,900	5.1%
ALAMEDA	770,400	732,600	37,800	4.9%
ALPINE	490	450	40	8.2%
AMADOR	17,590	16,690	890	5.1%
BUTTE	100,400	94,200	6,200	6.1%
CALAVERAS	20,290	19,160	1,130	5.6%
COLUSA	9,360	8,050	1,320	14.0%
CONTRA COSTA	521,400	497,600	23,800	4.6%
DEL NORTE	10,810	9,960	840	7.8%
EL DORADO	91,700	87,600	4,100	4.5%
FRESNO	401,700	366,300	35,400	8.8%
GLENN	11,970	11,080	880	7.4%
HUMBOLDT	61,500	57,900	3,600	5.8%
IMPERIAL	64,600	54,100	10,500	16.3%
INYO	9,460	9,000	460	4.8%
KERN	323,100	297,300	25,900	8.0%
KINGS	54,800	50,000	4,900	8.9%
LAKE	25,050	23,080	1,970	7.8%
LASSEN	12,560	11,590	970	7.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,931,200	4,689,700	241,500	4.9%
MADERA	63,100	58,600	4,500	7.2%
MARIN	132,300	127,300	5,000	3.8%
MARIPOSA	8,290	7,770	520	6.2%
MENDOCINO	44,070	41,660	2,400	5.5%
MERCED	101,500	92,300	9,200	9.1%
MODOC	4,110	3,820	300	7.2%
MONO	8,640	8,200	440	5.1%
MONTEREY	212,500	198,500	14,000	6.6%
NAPA	73,000	69,800	3,100	4.3%
NEVADA	49,660	47,420	2,240	4.5%
ORANGE	1,632,600	1,571,700	60,900	3.7%
PLACER	159,800	153,300	6,500	4.0%
PLUMAS	10,850	10,100	750	6.9%
RIVERSIDE	838,000	795,100	42,900	5.1%
SACRAMENTO	684,000	652,200	31,800	4.6%
SAN BENITO	25,200	23,400	1,800	7.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	865,100	822,500	42,600	4.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,532,300	1,467,400	64,800	4.2%
SAN FRANCISCO	431,800	410,900	20,900	4.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	288,000	266,900	21,100	7.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	132,400	127,200	5,300	4.0%
SAN MATEO	369,500	354,000	15,600	4.2%
SANTA BARBARA	219,400	209,800	9,600	4.4%
SANTA CLARA	832,000	788,500	43,500	5.2%
SANTA CRUZ	149,100	140,200	8,800	5.9%
SHASTA	85,100	79,600	5,500	6.5%
SIERRA	1,620	1,500	110	7.0%
SISKIYOU	19,020	17,370	1,660	8.7%
SOLANO	215,500	204,400	11,100	5.1%
SONOMA	260,400	249,400	11,100	4.2%
STANISLAUS	231,900	213,800	18,100	7.8%
SUTTER	41,400	37,600	3,900	9.4%
TEHAMA	25,510	23,910	1,600	6.3%
TRINITY	5,430	4,910	520	9.5%
TULARE	176,400	160,500	15,900	9.0%
TUOLUMNE	26,460	24,940	1,520	5.7%
VENTURA	422,700	402,000	20,700	4.9%
YOLO	96,800	91,400	5,400	5.6%
YUBA	26,200	24,100	2,100	8.0%